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SUBJ: JAPAN TO FORM NEW ENERGY POLICY BODY

1. FOREIGN OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY SOURCES CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT GOJ WILL SET UP CABINET LEVEL COUNCIL THIS MONTH FOR ENERGY POLICY. PRIME MINISTER WILL CHAIR COUNCIL AND IT WILL INCLUDE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, FOREIGN MINISTER, INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY DIRECTOR GENERAL. COUNCIL WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING, REVIEWING AND APPROVING BOTH LONG TERM AND CURRENT ENERGY POLICY PROPOSALS BEFORE FINAL SUBMISSION TO CABINET. STAFF WORK WILL BE PRIMARILY PROVIDED BY MITI'S ENERGY AGENCY WITH SOME INPUT FROM ECONOMIC PLANNING AGENCY (HEADED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA) AND FOREIGN OFFICE.

2. EMBASSY'S CONTACTS IN GOJ ALL AGREED THAT IDEA FOR NEW ENERGY COUNCIL "FELL LIKE RAIN" FROM HIGHEST POLITICAL AUTHORITIES AND DID NOT ORIGINATE IN BUREAUCRACY. MOST AUTHORITATIVE VIEW OF COUNCIL'S
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IMPORT WAS THAT ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER MIKI FORMALLY

HEADS COUNCIL, IT WILL PROVIDE MECHANISM FOR DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA TO EXERCISE GREATER INFLUENCE
OVER ENERGY POLICY, THEREBY ENHANCING HIS ALREADY
PREDOMINANT ROLE IN FORMULATING GENERAL ECONOMIC
POLICY.
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